

PREPARING TO GO TO SEAT OF WAR

Fort Stevens Boys Have Good Food, Are Well Quartered and Equipped

By Mrs. J. C. DIMM.

This letter is a continuation of the letter published in the last issue of the News.

On Sunday when I returned to the fort from Astoria where I stayed over night, I learned that one of the boys, a corporal in Battery C, for whom I had done some mending on Saturday afternoon had been married that same evening in Astoria. The event was quite a surprise to the rest of the boys, of course.

The new cantonments are two stories high, each floor accommodating about 40 boys. The buildings are well heated, lighted and ventilated, and are fitted with iron cots, with good springs, mattresses and pillows. The boys have made themselves cupboards and lockers in which to keep their personal belongings. Many of them have hanging on the wall fine comfort kits which have been provided by their home folks. A great many of the boys have received sweaters from friends at home and those of the 65th Artillery who did not have sweaters given them by friends were given one by the Red Cross. The Red Cross has given two pairs of woolen socks to each of the 65th Artillery.

I heard words of gratitude and appreciation expressed by all the boys towards the Red Cross and the work that that organization is doing for their comfort and care. The boys say they gladly and willingly go to fight for their country and home and to give their lives if necessary but they feel that their mothers sisters and friends at home are making and will be ready to make just as great and even greater sacrifices to win the war as they in the army are making and it gives them greater courage to do their bit when they know the home folks are back of them. "We are back of you boys, and we will go with you to the 'last ditch' and will keep on making articles to provide for your comfort even when you have gone 'over the top' of the 'last ditch' and are laid up for repairs."

I had the pleasure of partaking for several meals of Battery C's hospitality and it certainly was all one could desire in well balanced, well prepared and very neatly served meals, all of which, credit is due, the mess sergeant cooks and the kitchen police force. Their mess hall is a very pleasant and a spotlessly clean place. It is a long room with two tables with benches on each side running full length, a well equipped kitchen at one end, also supply room and a private room.

The boys each have their own mess kits, composed of two tin plates, knife fork, spoon and tin cup. One thing that interested me very much was the way the boys cleaned and washed their dishes. After eating, the men went to the garbage cans, scraped off their plates clean and from there they went to the "dish pans" which consisted of three iron pots hanging out of doors over hot fires filled with boiling water. They first dipped their plates, knives, forks, spoons and cups in one pot then in the second and by

the time they came out of the third one they were clean. Then off to their quarters they went, got their teatowels and wiped their dishes and put them away. If the mothers at home could see how cheerfully their boys wash their dishes in the Army camps they would decide that "Uncle Sam" had adopted a better and easier way to get his dishes washed than the home folks have.

Not all the boys washed their dishes in the same way. I noticed one company's quarters, I think it was the old third, had a large tank filled with hot water from which pipes run to a large sink. Faucets were attached and the boys washed their dishes at the faucets. This tank also was out of doors under large fir trees.

I was very much gratified to hear from all the boys of Battery C, with whom I talked, expressions of love and respect for their officers. Their captain is a new man on the coast. He is Captain Howard from Mississippi, and was commissioned from an officers' training school in the East. He is very much liked and has won the confidence and respect of all the men in the battery.

Most of my time at the fort was spent with Battery C, although I visited some of the Eugene and Springfield boys who are in quarters in other parts of the fort.

The Y. M. C. A. building had been closed for a short time on account of measles, there being a number of cases of measles, of a light form, in camp. The building was opened on Sunday to one section only of the 65th Artillery there being a light quarantine on all the fort and the boys in one cantonment were not allowed to do much if any, visiting at other cantonments.

Notwithstanding the reasons for the boys being at the fort and the preparations which I saw being constantly carried forth by Battery C, D and E, of the 65th Artillery preparatory to leaving in a short time for the seat of war, my visit at Fort Stevens was a very enjoyable one.

When You Have a Cold

It is when you have a severe cold that you appreciate the good qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Mrs. Frank Crocker, Pana, Ill., writes "Our five-year-old son Paul caught a severe cold last winter that settled on his lungs and he had terrible coughing spells. We were greatly worried about him as the medicine we gave him did not help him in the least. A neighbor spoke so highly of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy that I got a bottle of it. The first dose benefited him so much that I continued giving it to him until he was cured."

Estate of Clarrissa E. Knotts, Deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given that William E. Knotts has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Lane County, his final report as administrator of the Estate of Clarrissa E. Knotts, deceased; and that Saturday, the 16th day of March, 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court room thereof in Eugene, Oregon, have been by said court appointed and fixed as the time and place for hearing objections to said final report and for the final settlement of said estate. WILLIAM E. KNOTTS, Administrator. A. E. Wheeler, Attorney. Feb. 11, 18, 25; Mch. 4, 11.

TO ALL PERSONS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Trent, Oregon, January 14, 1918. Notice is hereby given that my wife, Mary Bowerman has left my bed and board, without my consent, where we resided at Trent, Oregon.

This is to notify all persons that I will not pay any debts she may contract. J. GURNEY BOWERMAN. Jan. 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

BY DORRIS SIKES

Friday afternoon a program, in honor of the birthdays of Lincoln and Washington, was given by the Nehalem Literary society, in the High school auditorium. At one o'clock school was called to order and Miss Lindsey read the last issue of the "Soldier's Joy." Next came a selection by the faculty, and a number of songs in which the entire school took part. The meeting was turned over to the president of the society, Lynn Grandy. Following is the special program prepared for the afternoon:

Piano Solo, Mary Harding.
Reading, Sibyl Westfall
Address, Rev. George H. Parkinson
Chaplain U. of O. military company Song, "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Reverend Parkinson chose as his subject "The American Boy." This American boy he said was very independent, he was smart, and he had some right of his own. He showed that it is not that you are born an American that counts but that it is the American Spirit, that spirit of freedom, bravery, and courage that makes the American boy. Reverend Parkinson emphasized the importance of making the best use of what we have. As an example of this he cited our Abraham Lincoln as he sat by the fireplace at night and studied with his limited supply of books and with only the light from the fire in the big fireplace to aid him.

None of the regular afternoon classes were held.

Feeling that the Freshmen were probably getting too much of an upper-hand at school and that many of them were not keeping in the lowly sphere which they are supposed to occupy during their first year in High school, Superintendent Kirk appointed a committee of very responsible upper classmen to report to the rest of the school upon the behavior of the Freshmen. On this committee he named: Wanna McKinney, Audrey Perkins, and Harry Fandrem. Friday morning the following report was read by the chairman Miss McKinney. The report follows:

With so many Sophomores and Juniors and Seniors to look after, Mr. Kirk and the other members of our kind, careful faculty have found it impossible to see that the numerous Freshmen were always on good behavior and that none of them ever did anything to offend the dignity of the aforesaid faculty and upperclassmen. So after due consideration Mr. Kirk decided to appoint three disinterested members of S. H. S. whose decision could not be questioned, to look into the matter and report on the behavior of the aforesaid Freshmen.

Dorothy Holbrook is living in a heaven of bliss for is not the beautiful distinguished William Wright paying his most lavish attention to her.

Ashael Fish is becoming prominent because he owns a Ford. He has been creating a great mystery lately. Charley Girard is making a hit with the Junior girls. He got a hair cut recently.

Merritt McPherson is also coming into prominence as a good looker. One girl was heard to say, "Isn't Mick the cutest thing that ever walked. He's got the roughest cheeks, the brownest eyes, the darkest eyebrows and the most curved eyelashes. Isn't his

hair perfectly lovely and he's so classy." (Note—We wish we dared to name the girl that said it but we don't want to offend Merritt).

William Wright likes to go back and forth from the encyclopedia with a most dignified look on his countenance. The admiration of the girls is meat and drink to little Bill. He'll find out pretty soon that ignorance is bliss and will be lowered a notch or two.

There is a contest between the Freshmen girls. They are trying to see who can make the best impression upon Stanley Goddell, late for mJunction City. Poor Stanley has our heartfelt sympathy.

Laurel Griffin is enviously eyeing the poster of Joan of Arc. Imagine her being clad in richly burnished mail and armor with a heavy sharp sword in her hand and with a grim serious look on her face. She sure would win some of the S. H. S. boys hearts for they are always on the lookout for something new and fascinating, something out of the ordinary.

We must not forget Joe Clark. Oh, no! The girls could never do without him. We know it will hurt your feelings, boys, but he certainly is the favored one.

Clifford Fandrem isn't the least bit bashful anymore. Altho' he must grow some before he can attain a height suitable for the upper class girls, they like him just the same, and pronounce him exceedingly cute.

Poor Tom Reynolds. We do pity him. The girls all quarrel over him. That innocent baby expression captivates us all.

Look out for Jesse. One of the Freshmen girls remarked "Why don't they have a looking glass here? I can't get along without one." So now Carrie Ditto is carrying one with her, in a brown velvet case and with a back on it so it will stand up on her desk. We have heard, tho' we are not sure, that it is the most studied article she keeps in her desk.

And when school is over all the girls stop in the Bell theatre to see that their hair is staying up and whether their ribbons are on correct. If you remember correctly the Bell theatre has two large mirrors in the front.

The other day Evelyn Miller, Carrie Ditto, Ruth Brattain and Hazel Hayden were walking down the street talking about the pine trees and saying how they liked them. But Ruth's mind must have been wandering for she suddenly said, "Yes I like Joe Clark, too."

At last we have found the principal occupation of the Fresh girls when they are not standing before the mirror. It is sliding down the banisters at the Baptist church. No one ever has to dust those banisters.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE.

Hazel D.—"I smell smoke."
Ellen L.—"That's Howard Cotton."

Mona McHenry, a junior, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends at Waterville.

Alberta Parvin who submitted to an operation for appendicitis last week is much improved and will be taken to her home at Dexter this week.

Lila Miller, Mrs. William P. Rodenbough, Florence Furuset, Ruth Lansbery, Ruth Parsons and Bertha Lindley all former S. H. S. students visited High school Friday afternoon. Other visitors were Mrs. D. M. Gore, Mrs. Alzina Korn and Anna Van Prooyen.

Marion Clearwater, a former High school student, reentered school Tuesday morning. She had been unable to



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attend school this term because of ear trouble.

A committee composed of Wanna McKinney, Lynn Grandy, Iva Hill and Bill Hill has been appointed by Berenice Cagle, president of the Senior class, to secure a coach for the play which the Seniors expect to put on in the near future. With the aid of the coach the committee will select the play. The choosing of characters will be left to the coach but will be subject to the approval of the class.

Clarence Hill, graduate with the class of '16 cablegrams from France of his safe arrival there with an American aero squadron. Hill enlisted soon after the declaration of war last spring and has been in the training camp at San Antonio, Texas and in another camp in Canada since leaving

Lester Hill and Paul Myers, former students, now with the national army at Fort Stevens spent Saturday and a part of Sunday at their homes here. The boys are preparing to leave the fort for California at once and expect to go from there to France. Ivan McKinney and Russell Dimm, who took post graduate work at Springfield High also were home for the week-end. They are also with the 65th Artillery which is leaving for California at once.

ROBERT BURNS Lodge, No. 78, A. M. F., Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Universal and Symbolic Free Masons meets first and third Friday evening in W. O. W. hall. Visiting brothers welcome. P. A. Johnson Secretary. Chas. Kingwell R. W. M.

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